



Eastern Young Athletes League – Round 2 – Woodford – 8th May 2016

Chelmsford's youngsters travelled to Woodford Green on Sunday, for the second match in their EYAL season. Competing against Woodford Green, Stevenage & Herts, Dacorum & Tring, Braintree, CATs, and Waveney Valley, the team were just edged into third place in the final standings, and now occupy eighth place in the league table.

It was the Girls' teams who led the way, with both the U15's and U17's winning their individual categories – and the U13's coming second.

In the U15 Girls events, some of last year's talented U13's were making their presence felt, as they dominated the middle-distance events. Faye Sweeting won the 800m with a PB, and Georgia Tombs claimed victory in the 1500m, while Lucy Aitchison took the 1500m B race.

Multi-eventers also exerted their influence on the scoring, as Jess Hopkins claimed second place in the 75mH, third in the Javelin, and victory in the B string High Jump – while Holly Lawrence won the A string High Jump and the B string 75mH. Ndidi Okoh won the 300m, and was second in the Long Jump.

In the Shot, Kim English took first place, while Elizabeth Finch won the B string Shot as well as winning the Discus.

There were plenty of wins for Chelmsford athletes in the U17 Women's events – with multi-talented Connie Forman claiming three of them herself – in the 200m, 80mH and Long Jump – as she takes the step up to U17 in her stride! Laura Runciman also registered three wins – in the Shot, Hammer, and B string Discus. Mia Chantree's hat-trick of victories was all the more impressive, given that she is an U15 athlete! Mia won the High Jump, and the B string 80mH and Long Jump.

Gabby Quigley won the Discus, and took first place in the B string Shot, to keep the points rolling in. Also in the Field, Hannah Bardo won the B string High Jump and was third in the Javelin – and Ellenor Chaplin won the B string Javelin.

Back on the track, Rachel Broome cruised to a comfortable victory in the 1500m, and Ellie Reynolds crossed the line first in the B string 300m. Beatriz Melo won the B string 200m as well as coming second in the 300m – and Hannah Bolton secured third place in the 800m.

In the U13 Girls category, Kayleigh Hale was again in fine form, winning the 200m, and finishing as runner-up in both the 100m and the Long Jump. Kayleigh was supported by Olivia Mayhew, who won both the B string 100m and Long Jump events.

Sasha Whiley (800m) and Cassie Forman (70mH) both recorded third place results.

Throwers Evelyn Pope and Ruby Ham contributed points in the Discus and Javelin. Evelyn was second in the Discus and first in the B string Javelin; conversely, Ruby won the B string Discus and was second in the Javelin.



The U13 Boys finished second in their age group. Oliver Early racked up plenty of points for the team by winning the 75mH and Shot, as well as finishing third in the 100m. Meanwhile Finlay Staff was taking second in the 200m, a win in the 75mH B race, and third place in the Long Jump.

Other Track points were earned by Thomas Woodward – first in the 1500m, and Onyeka Okoh second in the 800m. Onyeka also won the B string High Jump.

Elsewhere in the U13 Field events, Nathan Hall won the B string Shot, and Arthur Day did likewise in the A string Discus, as well as coming second in the High Jump.

In the U15 Boys category Ben Kerwin continued his superb start to the season by winning both the 200m and 300m. Finley Hall also weighed in with plenty of points by taking first place in the B string 200m, and third places in the Long Jump and Shot.

Zach Bridgeland (800m), Alex Davis (Discus) and Ross Walker (Javelin) all claimed third place finishes, before the 4x100m team ended the day on a high by winning the sprint relay.

Amongst the U17 Men, Nathaniel Sherger was in good form, returning with runner-up spots in both the 100m and 200m – while Jordan Oduyoye provided excellent support by winning the 200m B race and coming second in the 100m B string. Robert Runciman also registered a second place – in the 100mH.

In the Field, Billy Stevens took an impressive victory in the Javelin – where he was ably supported by John Boyle, who won the B event. John also recorded a second place in the High Jump. Henry Wood won the B string High Jump.